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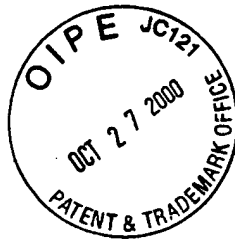
In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/543,264

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For: NEUROSTIMULATOR INVOLVING
STIMULATION STRATEGIES AND
PROCESS FOR USING IT



Examiner: To Be Assigned

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND § 1.98

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the U.S. copending patent application nos. 09/323,407 filed on June 1, 1999; 09/517,797 filed on March 2, 2000; and 09/543,450 filed

on April 5, 2000. No copies are submitted herewith as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(iii).
The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

Applicant also brings to the attention of the Examiner each of the following references, cited in the Form 1449, for which an English counterpart patent was found.

1. The English counterpart of German patent no. 8706912 (reference no. 74) is U.S. patent no. 5,372,598 (reference no. 39);
2. the English counterpart of German patent no. 3701765 (reference no. 75) is European patent no. 0 276 153 (reference no. 76);
3. the English counterpart of European patent no. 0 291 632 (reference no. 78) is U.S. patent no. 5,372, 598 (reference no. 39).
4. the English counterpart of European patent no. 0 347 658 (reference no. 79) is U.S. patent no. 5,129,903 (reference no. 16); and finally
5. the English counterpart of German patent no. 4028021 (reference no. 80) is the United Kingdom patent no. 0 433 852 (reference no. 81), national phase of European patent no. 0 433 852.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are believed to be required.
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Statement, an authorization to charge our deposit account, and a Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) are provided herein.

Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

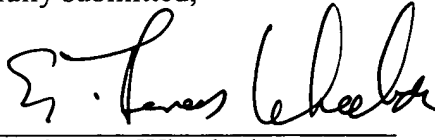
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Dated: October 23, 2000

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